NYE TURNS ASTRONOMER A Bobtail Comet Unworthy to Bear

His Name. Dr. Corner, proprietor of Corner's ne plus ultra kidney calmer, Jasperville, N. J: DEAR SIR: I write to say that last night I was so fortunate as to discover a new comet for which you were kind enough to offer a prize of \$100 last year. As soon as I read your offer I immediately began to scan the heavens. I presume that there isn't a square foot of the whole sky that I haven't been over during that time in search of comets. In January, on the early morning of the second, I think, while going home, after assisting in the ceremonies of ushering in the new year, I discovered a comet of great magnitude, but on the following evening, when I attempted to put my hand on it and classify it and draw on you for the prize money, I found that it had evaded me. I now agree with my wife that it was an

optical blusion of the first magnitude. Last week, however, I succeeded in running down a large red comet which had never been used before. It was situated in the constellation of Cassabianca, about due west of the M-thodist church as you look out of my barn door on a clear night.

Its appearance is that of a large nebulous body with a central condensation and no tail. This is the only drawback to my discovery. I am sorry to come to you with a tailless comet. After the long nights of anxiety and worry I dislike to come to you, Doc, bringing a bobtail comet. I will, therefore, throw off \$10 from the amount you offered. Send me postal note for \$90, Doc, and the comet is yours. You will find it where have said if you are careful to observe my

Had this comet be n a success, with a tail to it, I would have been glad to bestow my name upon it, never having put my name on a comet; but I would prefer not to name a mutilated comet after myself. A man works too hard to win a deathless name to calmly see it put on a nebulous and skittish bobtail comet, with no record. I have had wildcat mining claims named for me, and my brief but contiguous cognomen will be found here and there throughout the American herd book; but when I plaster it on a heavenly body I want it to be attached to a

good one. I am on the eve of discovering another comet, however, to which I will not be ashamed to attach my name. I have only partially discovered it at this time, but, as Herschel would say, there is a hen on. I got a brief view of this comet last night, but before I could secure it, name it and draw on you for the \$100 it was gone. As the bank will be closed to-night at the time the discovery will no doubt be made, I have taken the liberty to draw on you to-day at sight. If I do not succeed in discovering the comet in time for June delivery I will return the money to you.



Nye Dicovering Comets for a Livelihood. My first comet was discovered in the early evening. It is not a brilliant comet, but rather inferior in its appearance. Its motions, also, are erratic, and at times aimless. It has an elongated orbit, with a large hole in it. I hope that this will make no difference, however, as it is no fault of mine. I will agree that it shall not occur

I hope some day to discover a comet with a parabola to it. I have found a place where one of these bad been the day before and dragged its parabola across the milky way. What prize do you offer for a comet with a parabola? Also, what will you give me for a small comet in good condition, with a perihelion to it?

I found a light sorrel comet last year, but had not completed the discovery and filed on it before it disappeared for the night. I learned the next day that it was a comet with a large orbit, and that it would not again return for 3,000 years. The discovery was a bona fide one, however, and if you will advance the amount of the prize, it will be of great pecuniary advantage to me, and if it does not return on time as I have said, I will refund the money to you or your heirs with pleasure. This comet had a long, heavy mane and tail, and seemed to be feeling first rate. Its tail was turned from me when I discovered it, but when I looked at it again I saw that it was turned this way. When I next looked at it it was gone. Should any other astronomer find this comet and report it to you, I wish you would tell him that it belongs to me. It is about the medium height, is a good road ster, and wears its tail at an angle of about forty-five degrees when in motion.

I would rather discover comets for a livelihood than to do anything else, if it did not keep me from my family so much, Do you prefer a comet with a nucleus, or

can you use one with a paratolic hypothesis to better advantage? Could you use a poem on the presidential nuptials? I often write little poems of this character while waiting behind a tree for a comet to come down past me for a drink. I also have a double-barrel shotgun in good order and the right to a small chestnut comet of about the tenth magnitude, both of which I would like to

dispose of. In answering this letter please pin the check to the upper left hand corner of your manuscript. Write plainly on one side only, with your indorsement on the other. I cannot promise to return manuscript. Please write as soon as possible and tell me whether you wish me to continue my discoveries or

Should there be anything I could do for you or for science, let me know and I will give you inside figures and cut rates on comets, microbes, or anything else in my

Please write your name and postoffice address plainly and tell the cashier to sign his name plainly at the bottom of the check. Yours with a telescope in each eye and a comet cork screw in each hand. -Bill Nye in Boston Globe.

Easier than a Political Job. "Well, Pat, what are you doing now?" "Shure, an' I play in the band anyhow. "What instrument do you handle?" "Faith, an' I bla the big droom." "Isn't it pretty bard work?"

"Ah, no. I jist hold the drum up, an' an other feller duz all of the pounding."-Detroit Free Press.

A Taking Example. A Mas achus tts spinster writes exult ingly: "Thank God for Grover Cleveland His example has aroused the manhood of Messachusetts. Last evening I received my

first offer of marriage."—Albany Evening might have been their disposition toward him Journal The motions of a man with a bug in his net size photographs of the prince. - Chicago ear are slow compared with those of a man | Times.

and forgotten to take his fly book .- Dansville Breeze. Der landlord of der vessel, he say dot there vas a big hole in der Low of der boat, und | rould find nothing to say but, "I suppose you dat vasser comed in. I told him to cut a found it very cold at the north pole." - New hole in der shtern and let der vasser go out. - | York Paper. Pretzel's Weekly.

ANCIENT HISTORY REVISED.

How Cincinnatus Received the News of His Election. When the Roman senate elected Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus consul by a handsome plurality, notwithstanding the Tammany defection and the fact that a Prohibition candidate was sprung on them at the lasmoment, they appointed a committee to visit the noble Roman on his farm and announce

to him his election. They found hun engage I in doing his spring plowing. As they approached with all the dignity they could command while stumbling across plowed land in their long togas, he stopped his oxen to ascertain who they were and what they wanted. "Most noble Roman," said the chairman of the committee, in that deep sonorous tone

suited to the occasion, "we are here---"

"So I see," said Lucius Quintus, eyeing them suspiciously, " ut I signed a contrac for some of those patent beehives last summer and found it was a note for \$500 that I had to pay at the bank. You can't play the green game on me twice." "You mistake our mission altogether," said the chairman, with offended dignity,

"Lightning rod men, perhaps. But I don't want any lightning rods, nuther." "Deign, most noble Cincinnatus, to give me your attention for a few brief moments? "Well, burry up, old hoss, and make it short, for I'm busy's a mule's tail in fly time," and he sat down on his plow beam, fanning himself with an old straw hat. "The republic is in danger," he began, reading from a long roll of MSS, that he

"That sounds sort o' familiar. 'Nuther lection comin' on, I reckon. You're goin to sound the tecsin, ain't ye? And mebbe you'll wave the bloody shirt." "The Roman senate, realizing the exigency

of the situation, has elected you -"If there ain't them pesky colts in my garden patch again," cried Cincinnatus, springing to his feet "W-h-o-a, there! Git out of that!" he yelled, as he grasped his ox gad and started across the field to drive them

When he returned he was perspiring and swearing like a Roman trooper. "Blankety blank them blank colts," he cried, "they' jump any fence that was ever made. Say, you fellers. You don't happen to know a poke that'll keep colts from jumpin', do ye? "The city which Romulus founded," said the chairman, scarcely heeding the inter-

ruption, "is threatened by the barbarians. The valor of Roman arms, that, under Marcus Horatius subdued the Sabines and submitted the Claudii to the yoke, is paralyzed for want of a leader."

"Now you paralyze me." "In easting about for a competent commander, every way adequate to the emergency that has overtaken us, the eyes of the senate have turnel toward you." "Shaw! you don't say!"

"Your stead ast championship of the rights of labor, your position on the silver question, your uncompromising opposition to the Chinese, your refusal to avail yourself of the franking privilege, and your scornful rejection of a railroad pass while a member of your town council, the countenance that you gave to the early closing movement, your defiance of Canada on the fishery quesion, your---"

"Come now, boys, let up!" "Your services as a volunteer fireman, the ability you displayed as captain of a militia company, your having never written communications to the papers, or shown yourself in an open hack in Decoration day processions, your never sen ling proof slips of your speeches to the daily journals, never making a false return to the tax assessor, or wearing pointed-toed shoes, or parting your hair in the middle, or crying "chestnut!" and, above all, your invariable habit of going to the polis and voting the old ticket without a scratch, have induced the senate to call you to the highest office in their gift, the Roman

Cincinnatus was so overcome by this time that he could only press the speaker's hand silently and lead the way to the house, where he tapped a fresh barrel of cider and invited them all to join him in a dance.



Mrs. Cincinnatus joins in the festivities. The above cut is from a sketch by our special artist on the spot. The lady in the picture is Mrs. Cincinnatus, who availed herself of every opportunity to trip the light fantastic with Roman senators when her husband's interests were involved. For full description of her costume see papers of that day. -Texas Siftings.

A Man from the Country. An Atlanta reporter who once "pulled a hand press" on a country weekly tells this: One day while the paper was being worked off a man from the country came in and walked all around the room, finally stopping near the press and watching the work very

"Anyth ng I can do for you?" asked the man at the lever, pausing between impres-"Naw," was the reply. "I don't want nothin'; js came in to see ye edit."-At-

lanta Constitution.

A New Convicts for Building Proposes. A kind of concrete, hard and solid, is now being used for building purposes in Orders. Paris. It is composed of eight parts of sand, gravel and pebbles; one part powdered cinders, and one and a half parts unslacked hydraulic lime. These materials are thoroughly beaten together, their mixture giving a concrete which sets almost immediately, and becomes in a few days extremely hard and solid, which property may be still more increased by the addition of a small

quantity, say one part, of cement, -Chicage roputarity of a Successful rrince. Prince Alexander, the successful, is much beloved by his Bulgarian subjects, whatever had his soldiers been defeated. A German heliotype company has just received an order from an art dealer in Sophia for 20,000 cabi-

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